



# Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule

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Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail. Program schedules are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates or to make **RESERVATIONS**.

*Programs marked with an \* are wheelchair accessible.*

## March 29 – April 4, 2010

### Monday, March 29

**10:00 a.m. Sonoran Lifestyles**

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

**11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations\***

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment.

**3:00 p.m. Back from the Brink\***

What do you mean there were grizzly bears in Arizona? Join a park ranger in the visitor center auditorium to explore the natural history of the grizzly (and 2 other top predators) that once roamed in what is now Saguaro National Park. We will take a look at their past, present and future status in the American Southwest.

### Tuesday, March 30

**9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike**

Join a park naturalist for this 3-hour, 4-mile exploration of Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

**10:00 a.m. Sonoran Lifestyles**

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**2:30 p.m. Reptiles and Amphibians of the Sonoran Desert\***

Join park naturalist Bob Brandner for this 30-minute presentation to discover the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians.

### Wednesday, March 31

**9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike**

Join a park naturalist for this 3-hour, 4-mile exploration of Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

**10:00 a.m. Desert Discovery**

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 2-mile walk to discover the secrets of the Sonoran Desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

**11:00 a.m. What's for Dinner?**

Join a ranger on this 2-hour walk to learn what the local wildlife dines on in the desert.

**3:00 p.m. Desert Adaptations\***

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment

### **Thursday, April 1**

#### **10:00 a.m. Desert Discovery**

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#### **11:00 a.m. What's for Dinner?**

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#### **3:00 p.m. Desert Adaptations\***

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### **Friday, April 2**

#### **8:00 a.m. Desert Bird Walk**

Join volunteer naturalists Vicki Powers and Ralph Terry for an easy 2-hour walk in search of desert birds. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

#### **11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations\***

### **Saturday, April 3.**

#### **2:00 p.m. All In the (Plant) Family\***

Everyone knows a cactus when they one, right? Maybe not! Come along on this 30-minute garden walk to find out what makes our 2 families of spiny, succulent plants very different from each other.

#### **3:00 p.m. Back from the Brink\***

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### **Sunday, April 4**

#### **10:00 a.m. Desert Discovery**

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 2-mile walk to discover the secrets of the Sonoran Desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

#### **2:00 p.m. Yesterday, Today and...Saguaro?\***

Change is coming to the Cactus Forest and we can't do anything about it! But don't worry – change has been happening here for thousands of years. Come explore the life cycles of the saguaro cactus and the changing face of its Sonoran Desert home on this ¼ mile, 90-minute walk.

#### **3:00 p.m. Desert Adaptations\***

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment